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Title: LASER ANNEALING METHOD AND LASER ANNEALING DEVICE

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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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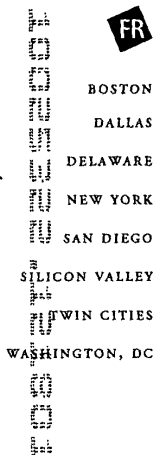
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/390,513, filed September 3, 1999 (allowed), which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/735,554, filed October 23, 1996 (U.S. Patent No. 6,027,960). The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert -- This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/390,513, filed September 3, 1999 (allowed), which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/735,554, filed October 23, 1996 (U.S. Patent No. 6,027,960).

Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on priority applications serial number 7-302189, filed October 25, 1995; and serial number 7-308138, filed November 1, 1995, in Japan.

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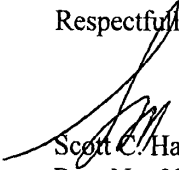
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